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COVID numbers increase

As of 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 13, ZIP code 77089 had 75 confirmed cases of COVID-19, according to Harris County Public Health officials. That is nine higher than the 66 count reported Tuesday, May 5. In ZIP code 77075, county officials are reporting 74 known cases. This is 13 higher than the 61 cases reported the previous week. County officials are now reporting 53 cases in ZIP code 77034, up nine cases from last week. In all, there are currently 8,416 known cases in Harris County, an increase of 1,578 from last week. Of those, 4,859 remain active, up 757 from last week. A total of 3,213 have recovered in the county, an increase of 771 from the previous week. To date, 183 have died from COVID-19, up 50 from last week. Statistics are updated daily and include numbers from both the Houston city limits and throughout Harris County. To view an interactive map, visit publichealth.harriscountytx.gov/Resources/2019-Novel-Coronavirus.

Donate blood by appointment

Knights of Columbus Council 9201 is hosting a blood drive in the social hall at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road, on Sunday, May 17, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. by appointment only. Make appointments online at giveblood.org (sponsor code 1185) or call Val Comeaux, 713-582-5358. COVID-19 protocol is in place. A mask covering the face needs to be worn and distances need to be respected.

Diaz gives free masks

Precinct 2 Constable Chris Diaz is holding a free mask distribution on Friday, May 22, at the Laura Bush Elementary parking lot from 10 a.m. to noon as long as supplies last.

BBQ sale at St. Luke's

Knights of Columbus Council 9201 is sponsoring a barbecue sale Saturday, May 16, and Sunday, May 17, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (or until food runs out) in the St. Luke Catholic Church rear parking lot, located at 11011 Hall. The event features a chopped beef sandwich with onions and pickles, chips or Fritos and a soft drink. The cost is \$8. The proceeds will benefit Knights of Columbus charities.

Gulf Freeway closures set

The southbound entrance ramp on the Gulf Freeway will be closed at FM 518 until further notice. At least one northbound and one southbound frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from FM 518 to FM 517 in League City will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Tuesday, June 30. This work will require alternate entrance and exit ramp closures.

Readers urged to send stories

The Leader staff is curious as to how South Belt families are spending their time, now that local officials have suggested to comply with social distancing guidelines and refrain from public gatherings, forcing many residents to work and study from home. Readers are encouraged to email their adaptation stories and photos (list both first and last names, in order, left to right) to mynews@southbeltleader.com.

Beltway closures planned

There will be a total closure of the Fairmont Parkway exit ramp on Beltway 8 through 10 p.m. Tuesday, June 16. Both northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Vista will be closed continuously through 5 a.m. Monday, May 18. The northbound U-turn lane on the Beltway 8 frontage road at SH 225 will be continuously closed through 5 a.m. Tuesday, June 2.

COVID prayer time set

South Belt Church will post five prayer stations in the church parking lot May 23 and 24. The church invites the South Belt community to drive through at 13100 Beamer Road and pray for different groups in the South Belt community affected by COVID-19.

Free meals for youth still available

There are still multiple operations in the area providing free meals to local youth during this ongoing health crisis. City of Houston The Houston Parks and Recreation Department is continuing its curbside meal program for youth, ages 1 to 18, at selected area parks. Local parks include the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road, and the Beverly Hills Park Community Center, 10201 Kingspoint Road. Each child will receive one lunch and one snack. Children must be present. Only children who come to the site for pickup can receive the food. A parent can't take food for a child that is not present at the time of pickup. To ensure social distancing is maintained throughout the curbside meal distribution, meals will be placed in the trunk of the recipient's car. For additional information or a complete list of participating parks, visit www.houstontx.gov/parks/pdfs/2020/HPARDCurbsideMealDistributionProgram_NewInfo.pdf.

City develops COVID homeless plan

Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner recently joined with representatives from several local organizations to provide details on how the city's homeless population is being helped during the COVID-19 public health crisis. Throughout the pandemic, more than 100 partner agencies in The Way Home homeless response system have been working diligently to provide services to this vulnerable population. On an average day, homeless men and women, who nearly all suffer from chronic, underlying health conditions, are some of the most vulnerable at-risk individuals in Houston. That vulnerability is compounded during a pandemic, as area homeless either do not readily have access to hand hygiene (like running water) or live in dense shelters where it is challenging to practice social distancing. "To prevent people from dying on our streets or in our shelters, the city worked quickly, engaging the CDC and HUD, local partners and cities around the world," said Turner. "We have created and implemented a comprehensive three-prong response, focusing on three key areas - prevention, emergency response and recovery."

Free legal COVID advice for businesses

Small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic now have a resource for free legal advice, thanks to a new program launched by the City of Houston. The Houston Small Business Legal Consultations (HSBLC) program is a collaboration between the city's Office of Business Opportunity (OBO), Vinson & Elkins (V&E) and several private law firms. Through a network of volunteer attorneys, HSBLC will provide participants free legal consultations, by telephone, about how to navigate loan and grant relief programs, taxes, commercial leases, contracts, employment, intellectual property and other general business issues.

Station 2



This sign reads, "Please pray for our brave first responders and medical professionals who are on the frontline of the COVID-19 response."

Commissioners court ponders selling Beltway

By James Bolen
Sparks flew at a recent Harris County Commissioners Court meeting about secret discussions regarding the possible sale or refinancing of the Beltway 8 toll road. While details on any such deal are scant, the court's two Republican members, led by Commissioner Precinct 3 Steve Radack, charged

that the court's two Democratic members had engaged in private discussions with Peter Key, chief financial officer for the Harris County Toll Road Authority, to explore the matter. While Key admitted discussing the issue with others on the court, he contended the meetings were not secret in nature and that the idea was merely conceptual in manner and intended for

the good of the county. "Commissioner, I would not characterize it as secret meetings," Key said. "What is being done so far, I've been on three phone calls trying to formulate a plan that could be presented to Commissioners Court on refinancing activities for the toll road, as well as formulating a plan for how the toll road can help the county better financially." Radack contended that no one, including the public, should be kept in the dark on issues of

such importance. "Some people know about it, some people don't. People have been told not to talk about it, and when people are told not to talk about something, that means it's secret," Radack said. "Why wasn't this shared publicly? Obviously, we're talking about tremendous amounts - tens of millions of dollars in fees attached to what y'all are talking about. And I want to know why. Why wasn't this shared publicly or at least with

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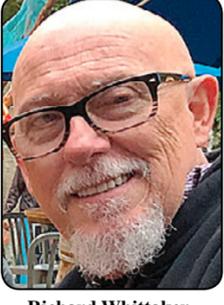
Recognizing 2019-2020 Dobie seniors



To boost morale among graduating seniors affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, Dobie High School held a drive-thru parade at the area campus Wednesday, May 13, as students picked up their caps and gowns. Students/parents entered through the back parking lot, where they were greeted by staff holding signs and cheering them on, before proceeding to the front parking lot to claim their caps and gowns. Last week, seniors visited Dobie to pick up senior signs. Shown at that event are, staff members, left to right, Denise Smajstrla, counselor; Kelcey Davis, counselor; Carey Sink, assistant principal; and Erin Richardson, counselor.

Educator's view of life with COVID

The following entry was submitted by Atkinson Elementary campus math coach and peer facilitator Richard Whittaker, discussing the challenges that distance learning poses to students, parents and teachers, along with its successes.



Richard Whittaker

By Richard Whittaker
Atkinson Elementary
When the students excitedly left the schools in PISD in March for spring break, we assumed we were starting a week of the normal relaxation and recharging that usually defines this time

of the school year. However, the onset of the coronavirus quickly changed Spring Break into Spring Broken.

Eight weeks later, we are all still trying to navigate these new waters of "distance learning." Everyone involved suddenly had new roles and different responsibilities.

The students were thrust into a world they had not experienced before. Literally overnight, they had to adjust to learning which virtual platform they were using and how to access it.

Many of them have to share a device with siblings. They also have to contend with their parents being thrust into the role of teacher, which has proven to be stressful for both parties.

While trying to focus on schoolwork without the instruction in person of a professional educator, in most cases, they are also dealing with other stressors. Many parents are out of work, which causes stress in the household.

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19-year-old with AR-15 arrested

A family disturbance call Thursday, May 7, in the 11600 block of Sagelink led to multiple felony charges.

Deputies from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office responded to the call at approximately 3 a.m. Upon their arrival, deputies were informed by the caller that her son had assaulted her daughter. The suspect possessed an AR-15 rifle and had reportedly threatened his sister with harm.

The suspect fled the location prior to deputies' arrival and was located in the nearby area driving an unauthorized vehicle. During the vehicle stop, a loaded AR-15 rifle and handgun were spotted in plain view inside the car, with the handgun being reported as stolen.

Brett Gilliam, 19, was subsequently apprehended and charged with aggravated assault

with a deadly weapon, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and unlawful carrying of a weapon.

Precinct 2 has reported seeing a recent uptick in local domestic disturbance calls, due, in part to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. There has been a particularly sharp increase in the number of violence-related calls.

County officials attribute the increase in calls to the fact that many individuals who would normally be at work every day are now at home with their families 24 hours a day. This coupled with family members also not at work or loss of wages has added to the stress in the family unit.

Residents experiencing a family/domestic disturbance are urged to contact the constable's office at 713-477-4070 before the situation escalates.

Gov. Abbott on reopening Texas

Gov. Greg Abbott recently held a press conference in which he announced that he will be issuing an executive order to expand openings of certain businesses and activities. The governor also announced new guidance from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) on graduation ceremonies and the creation of Surge Response Teams to combat any COVID-19 flare-ups in Texas. "Texas is in a position to continue opening parts of our economy because of the efforts and determination of the people of Texas," said Ab-

butt. "Over the past month, Texans have worked together to contain the spread of COVID-19 by following social distancing practices and staying at home whenever possible. As we move forward, I urge all Texans to continue following these social distancing guidelines and the health standards we have provided. With every Texan doing their part, we will contain COVID-19, we will unleash our entrepreneurs, and we will make it through this challenge together."

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Robbery reported in vacant house

A robbery recently took place at an abandoned home in the 11400 block of Sagedowne.

Three young adults (two females and one male) were held at gunpoint by three men. The three victims were robbed of their personal belongings, along with their vehicle, which also contained a gun.

The vacant house, which is easy to access through open windows, has reportedly long been a gathering site for youths and vagrants. Kay Barbour, Sagemont Civic Club president, said

the homeowner, who owns other properties in the same subdivision, lives out of state and specializes in rent-to-own sites.

Barbour said she has reached out to city officials to see if the residence can be boarded up to prevent illegal entry, as similar Sagemont properties in the past.

The suspects are merely described as three black males. Anyone with any information on this case is urged to contact the Houston Police Department Robbery Division at 713-308-0700.

Vacant house site of robbery



An armed robbery recently took place at a vacant house near the intersection of Sagedowne and Sagedcreek. According to neighbors, the abandoned house has long been an attraction for area youths and vagrants, as it is easily accessed. The situation is particularly worrisome, given its proximity to both Stuchbery Elementary and Thompson Intermediate schools. The Sagemont Civic Club has reached out to city officials in an attempt to have the house's windows boarded up to prevent further illegal entry. The house was reportedly the scene of a recent gunpoint robbery. The Sagemont Civic Club is having this location investigated. Photo by Marie Flickinger

In My Opinion

Lugo requests cards for Cormier

Hello,
I'd like to ask for your help in sending get well wishes to the HPD helicopter pilot, Chase Cormier who was injured in the helicopter accident this past weekend.

I would like to deliver homemade get well soon cards from our local residents and their children.

If you would like to participate, please create a get well card.
They may be delivered to Frazier Elementary School at 10503 Hughes Rd. Please place them in the box on the Free Library bench out front. It is clearly marked.

Your well wishes in support of his recovery are greatly appreciated!

Kind regards,
Crystal Lugo

Palacios concerned with debris in ditch

Marie, you always stay on top of things in the Southbelt community and so I'm reaching out to you regarding some issues my husband and I have about Clear Brook Meadows, where we have lived for the last 17 years.

Our home is located in Clear Brook Meadows, with Dobie High School practically in our backyard, along with what is called the "Wetlands". There is a drainage ditch that surrounds the outer area of Clear Brook Meadows and other than the quarterly (??) mowing of grass behind our fence there is little else that has been done back there to keep trees and anything else from growing OUT OF CONTROL. We've been fortunate that this ditch has not overflowed and caused flooding in our neighborhood after heavy rains, especially with Hurricanes Ike in 2008 and Harvey in 2017.

Now our concerns:
1) As mentioned above, we've heard over the years that the drainage ditch is

not cleaned out due to the "Wetlands", which in this case is a fish and wildlife habitat. We have enjoyed seeing the many different types of birds that perch on our fence and trees. In fact, many years ago we even saw an alligator in the ditch - when the water could still flow freely without any brush or tree obstacles. However, the vegetation overgrowth in this ditch is now very much out of control that we worry we may not be so lucky the next time we experience heavy rains and/or hurricanes. This overgrowth, coupled with trash, could potentially cause flooding of our homes. Just last week (April 27) the big tractor came around for the quarterly mow-



ing...or so we thought. For the remainder of the week and continuing into Monday and Tuesday of this week there has been a crew working to clean the brush overgrowth from the back of our fences and along the ditch. On Tuesday we saw the crew trimming lower branches from the overgrown trees and trimming more of the brush along the edge of the ditch. We were excited to see this area FINALLY getting the long-overdue attention. Later that afternoon we walked out behind our fence to take a look at the "cleanup" and then we noticed something very disturbing...the crew discarded all the "just cut" limbs/branches down into the ditch, with some of them actual-

ly falling into the water!! While the area looks so much nicer from this cleanup, my question is WHY WOULDN'T THE DEBRIS GET HAULED AWAY?!! The concern now is that with all this debris in the ditch it could very likely make its way into rising water and cause some SERIOUS FLOODING!!

Prior to writing you I did try contacting our HOA but have not heard back from them and it's probably due to the COVID-19 work from home order. We would like to know which entity would've been responsible for this cleanup project...the HOA, Harris County, other... and will this area continue to be maintained in the future? Several pictures were taken and are being forwarded to you.

2) In January 2019, there was an oil pipeline leak into this same ditch. It is our understanding that Exxon was responsible for this accidental leak and so a months-long (maybe a year-long) cleanup was done. Our issue is that since that time, water is always standing in this ditch, as well as in the retention pond behind Dobie High School, and it never dries up even after an extended period with no rain. The kids at Dobie used to walk across the pond and they are no longer able to because of standing water. What was done to cause this and why? Will this too cause a flooding issue?

On a positive note, many people in the neighborhood are now enjoying this new/clean area for recreational purposes...fishing, walks, 4-wheeling, etc. As for us, we continue to enjoy the bird-watching!

Thank you,
John & Margaret Palacios Concerned Homeowners,
Publisher's note: Thanks for your concern for our community. I forwarded your concerns to the HOA and they advised me they will address this since the cut branches were to be hauled off. This ditch is a complicated problem for many reasons, but I know the HOA is trying to address the problems. Thanks again!
Marie Flickinger, publisher

Leader checks out social media

By Natalie Abarca
A member of *The Official South Belt & Sagemont Area Crime Alert* Facebook group shared a post of a 2016 Chevy Silverado truck that

was stolen Monday, May 4, around 1 a.m. on Southport Drive by Atkinson Elementary. The video shows that there were four suspects in a Nissan Altima.

On the same Facebook group, a member shared a post from Harris County Precinct 2, that an arrest was made of a male suspect Brett Gilliam. On Thursday, May

7, at approximately 2:59 a.m., Harris County Constable Precinct 2 Deputies were dispatched to a family disturbance on 1600 Sage-link Dr. Upon arrival deputies were informed by the

reporter that her son assaulted her daughter. The suspect possessed an AR-15 rifle and threatened his sister with harm. The suspect fled the location prior to deputies' arrival and was located in the area while driving a vehicle he was not authorized to drive. During the vehicle stop, a loaded AR-15 rifle and handgun were located in plain view inside the vehicle, with the handgun reported to be stolen. See related story on Page 1.

A member of *People of Sagemont 2* Facebook group posted a video surveillance of a scene in which a suspect was taken into custody for breaking into a neighbor's house which was empty. The incident happened Wednesday, May 6, at 12:30 a.m. Thanks to neighbors that live behind the house, the suspect was caught. The suspect's ID indicated he was from Louisiana. The post was shared on other Facebook groups.

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One common scheme is an email telling the target that the scammer knows something embarrassing about them and will release it if they do not receive money. Scammers will buy or obtain emails and passwords from data breaches then use that information to try to convince people that their email or

computer has been compromised. "This scam is quick and easy to do," said Assistant District Attorney Keith Houston who oversees the cybercrimes unit. "When people get these emails, I tell them to change all their passwords after running a good virus program to check their devices."

The scam plays on people's fears by suggesting they were caught doing something inappropriate. It takes a scammer, who can be anywhere in the world, less than an hour to set up the email address and account for payment. Then they can send tens of thousands of emails at once using a mass messaging app.

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needs to be vigilant." For your own financial safety, it pays to be internet aware. Everyone who uses a computer, smart phone or tablet needs to routinely clean their desktops, mobile devices and web browsers. Do regular updates, turn on firewalls, use anti-virus software and lock the device when not in use. Also, disable any unwanted or needed apps, programs or services not required to run the device. More than three-fourths of successful attacks are on phones and mobile devices, usually through apps. Beware of unfamiliar emails with links to photos or websites. Rather than clicking on a link, just open a new page in your browser and type in the link address to make sure you go to the right website. "Phishing" is the fraudulent attempt to obtain sensitive information such as usernames, passwords,

credit card details or other personal information by disguising an electronic communication. Phishing can look like an innocuous or legitimate email message. "Spoofing" is the use of a fake website or email to obtain personal identification or even convince someone to send a check to a fraudster. Criminals also target the lonely or elderly through romance scams. The hacker will create an online persona to target a victim often by impersonating a sympathetic person like a deployed soldier or a disabled person.

These are professional con men (and women) who will spend months cultivating a relationship before asking for money. According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, there was \$3.5 billion in total loss to online fraud across the country in 2019, an \$800 million increase from 2018. The total estimated loss since 2015 is estimated at \$10.2 billion. Since the District Attorney's Office launched our cybercrime unit two years ago, we have filed charges in fraud cases totaling more than \$50 million in stolen money.

Deaths

T. Dudley Johnson



T. Dudley Johnson, 76, died at home May 5, 2020.

Born in Kenedy, Texas, on June 5, 1943, to Wayne and Evelyn Johnson, he was raised as a cowboy in Banquete, Texas. Rodeo injuries changed his career trajectory toward the new frontier of oil and gas.

After working for several years at the Amoco refinery, Dudley joined South Texas Pipeline in 1976. As project manager he commissioned pipelines from Houston to Corpus Christi and later spearheaded a project in Brazil, in the process garnering great respect and acclaim in his field. Later in life he found further satisfaction in his work as a catastrophe insurance adjuster.

Even in retirement Dudley refused to stay idle, working part time as a courier and authoring two books, "Collection of Texas Stories" and "The Legendary Joe Green and Charley."

Dudley was a man of faith and family. He married the love of his life Maggie in 1975 and they lived happily together for 45 years. He loved sharing experiences with his son Scot, and the three of them had many adventures together traveling, treasure hunting, and exploring the outdoors. He would patiently bait Maggie's fishing hook or tirelessly tow Scot on water skis while loving every moment of it. He was quick with a quip, a prolific reader, a student of Texas history, and a foodie before there was such a term.

He was an elder in his church and served God's will in all that he did. He will be greatly missed and fondly remembered.

Dudley is survived by his wife; son Scot Johnson and daughter-in-law Rachel; brothers Donal Wayne Johnson and wife Judy, Lester Johnson and wife Barbara, and Sterling Johnson and wife Sheryl; and a myriad family and friends.

There will be a private service in Bay City. A Celebration of Life will be scheduled at a date to be determined later.

In lieu of flowers the family requests a memorial donation to Kirkwood South Christian Church or the All Texas Dachshund Rescue.

Margaret Myrta Sarlls Vanelli



Margaret Myrta Sarlls Vanelli, 100, was born on July 9, 1919, the youngest of eight children. Margaret died shortly after midnight on April 29, 2020. She was preceded in death by her husband Lewis Vanelli; her parents Brigid Kavanagh and James Sarlls; her sisters Agnes Vogt, Brigid Schell and Mary Dorweiler; and her brothers James Sarlls, Edward Sarlls, Joseph Sarlls and Lawrence Sarlls.

Margaret attended both Wood and Patti Welder schools in Victoria, Texas. There she played volleyball and softball. Later she gained recognition as a pitcher for the Victoria Rosettes, a ladies' league softball team. After the Rosettes beat the Houston team, Margaret was recruited to play for them. But her mother did not like the idea of

a young girl living alone in the big city. So Margaret stayed home, continued to play for the Rosettes, and went to work at Levi's Department Store where she met Lewis Vanelli. They married in 1939 and had two children. She never stopped learning and continued her education at Victoria Junior College after the children went to college.

Margaret was a longtime parishioner at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Victoria. She made frequent trips to visit her grandchildren in Houston, in Idaho and in Alaska, where she eventually lived for several years after Lewis passed away. She also traveled to Mexico City to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and made pilgrimages to religious sites in Portugal and Paris. More recently she has been a parishioner at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church.

Margaret is survived by her children, Peggy Cole and husband Kenneth of Big Lake, Ark., and James Vanelli and wife Jackie of Houston. She is also survived by her grandchildren Scott Cole, Charles Vanelli, Katie Cole Abraham, Rebecca Cole Panuk, Donald Vanelli, Russell Vanelli, Melanie Cole Pearce and Matthew Middleton. Margaret was blessed with 11 great-grandchildren Aiden, Lilliana and Ryon Abraham; Elynn, Averleigh, Sophia and Aidan Vanelli; Austin, Savanna and Andrew Middleton; and Justin Cole.

Margaret leaves a number of nephews and nieces, and their children, all of whom she loved dearly.

Margaret was laid to rest March 2 in a private ceremony at Resurrection Cemetery in Victoria. Honorary pallbearers were John Schell, James Schell, Joseph Sarlls, James Steellhammer, Charles Vanelli, Donald Vanelli, Russell Vanelli and Scott Cole.

A memorial service will be scheduled for a later date. Donations may be made in Margaret's name to the Gabriel Project at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church. Words of comfort may be shared at www.colonialfuneralhomevictoria.com.

Elected officials share their words

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SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

Sports news, announcements trickle in

Believe it or not, there are news brief items to report from the South Belt area as it stretches into eight weeks or so with no live action.

While there is no possible start date forthcoming, the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League on May 11 stated via Facebook that it will welcome additional word from Gov. Gregg Abbott as to Phase I return policies (presumably May 18) before making any decisions regarding a possible start to the 2020 SBHLL season.

That said, Kimble said he will be back out at Dobie High School in 2021 leading the next wave of stars.

Dobie football player Steven Trevino announced via Twitter that he will join the Howard Payne University program this fall. HPU also welcomed 2020 Lutheran South Academy graduate Mark Zamarripa.

But the league will also have to wait for officials to effectively "open" El Franco Lee Park for play, which may be another issue entirely.

As the *Leader* has stated previously, the calendar might indeed become the final determining factor, meaning there might just not be enough days remaining to consider a start-up before it's time to move on, i.e., youth football and the like.

Details involving registration fees, fundraising costs, etc., may have to be addressed, but league officials are not at that point yet.

National tournaments have already been canceled, and there is a real possibility that the SBHLL season will not begin at all, yet league officials are asking for patience as the various issues and concerns are addressed in the coming days and weeks.

Likewise, Bay Area Football League officials hope they do not have similar decisions to make as local programs such as the Sagemont Cowboys and South Belt Dolphins look ahead.

Preseason workouts typically do not start until the latter portion of July, but with all the factors that could involve a safe return to gathering, time may seem like it is speeding up.

While the Rising Stars Track Club 2020 season will also not start, team founder and head coach Ivory Kimble has confirmed to the *Leader* that he will return for 2021 and possibly beyond.

The Rising Stars have seasonally sent numerous stand-out athletes to Amateur Athletic Union nationals, but that won't happen this summer.

Brook's Kiszka earns TASO honor



Clear Brook High School varsity baseball player Owen Kiszka has been awarded a TASO Houston Baseball Umpires Association Foundation scholarship award for 2020-2021. This year's honorees will share a scholarship funding pool of \$40,000 for their future academic needs.

Dobie High School 2020 Varsity Football

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 14	at Galveston Ball scrimm.	TBA
Aug. 21	at Clear Springs scrimm.	7 p.m.
Aug. 28	Alief Elsik	7 p.m.
Sept. 3	at Bellaire (Butler)	7 p.m.
Sept. 10	Friendswood	7 p.m.
Sept. 18	at Dickinson	7 p.m.
Sept. 25	*at Channelview	7 p.m.
Oct. 9	*Pasadena (HC)	7 p.m.
Oct. 16	*at Deer Park	7 p.m.
Oct. 23	*Memorial	7 p.m.
Oct. 29	*Rayburn	6 p.m.
Nov. 5	*South Houston	6 p.m.

* District 22-6A games

(HC) Homecoming

Home games at

Pasadena ISD Veterans Stadium

Clear Brook High School 2020 Varsity Football

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 14	Hightower scrimm.	6 p.m.
Aug. 21	Dawson scrimm.	6 p.m.
Aug. 28	at Texas City	7 p.m.
Sept. 4	at Friendswood	7 p.m.
Sept. 11	La Porte (V)	7 p.m.
Sept. 18	Fulshear (C) (HC)	7 p.m.
Sept. 25	*at Clear Lake (C)	7 p.m.
Oct. 2	*Clear Falls (V)	7 p.m.
Oct. 9	*at Clear Creek (V)	7 p.m.
Oct. 17	*Brazoswood (V)	1 p.m.
Oct. 23	*at Dickinson	7 p.m.
Nov. 6	*Clear Springs	7 p.m.

* District 24-6A games

(V) CCISD Veterans Stadium

(C) CCISD Challenger Stadium

(HC) Homecoming

2020 varsity football schedules unveiled

Should things return to normal, both the Dobie and Clear Brook varsity football teams will begin the 2020 regular season Friday, Aug. 28.

The Longhorns, who won nine regular season games for the first time in 20 seasons a year ago en route to a second straight bidistrict playoff appearance under head coach Kevin Berneathy, open the season against Alief Elsik at Pasadena ISD's Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

The Wolverines, beginning a new era under the guidance of first-year head coach John Towels III, will begin their varsity season on the road against Texas City at Stingaree Stadium.

Of note, Dobie will start its homecoming celebration Sept. 18 at Challenger Clear Brook will host Fulshear Sept. 18 as part of its homecoming celebration Sept. 18 at Challenger Columbia Stadium in Webster and will then take on Clear Lake in its District 24-6A opener Sept. 25.

Dobie is 16-6 in two varsity seasons under Berneathy, having drawn eventual Class 6A Division I state champion North Shore in both 2018 and 2019.

Clear Brook's Towels was the defensive coordinator at Duncanville before coming to Brook. Duncanville was a 6A Division I state finalist the past two seasons, falling to North Shore in championship games.

Regardless, it would seem MLB teams now have much of the leverage heading into the draft while amateur players, more than one might think, will miss out on the dream of a lifetime.

And the same situation could play out in 2021 as MLB owners will again have the option of limiting the draft to as few as five rounds.

SJC players hope a shortened MLB draft doesn't prove costly

Count 2020 San Jacinto College baseball players Brandon Birdsell, Luke Little and Mitchell Parker among the thousands of draft eligibles no doubt left disappointed by the MLB owners' recent vote to limit the June 10 amateur draft to five rounds.

The annual first-year player draft has for many years extended to 40 rounds, yet with pro baseball currently in the dugout due to the coronavirus pandemic and potential revenues lost daily, this is what it has come to.

Therefore, any high school senior graduates, JUCO players and those four-year college players who have completed at least their junior years are now eligible to be chosen by MLB teams. Yet now, opportunities of a lifetime have been compromised with the draft now limited to five rounds.

What's more, those draft eligible who are not picked but would like to sign as undrafted free agents will be limited to a maximum of \$20,000 for inking with a team.

The San Jacinto College trio and many of their 2020 teammates have options.

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Birdsell and Parker are not seen as top five round MLB picks for 2020, but Birdsell can go pitch his junior season collegiately at Texas Tech. Parker, likewise, has signed with the University of Kentucky.

Little, on the other hand, might not be affected by the MLB draft being trimmed to five rounds.

Poised with an MLB-ready frame as well as a 100-mile-per-hour fastball, Little, who has signed collegiately with South Carolina, has recently been rated as a top-100 prospect.

The Houston Astros, who lost their first- and second-round draft choices for 2020 due to the sign-stealing scandal, could very well take a flier on Little in the third round if, say, he lasts that long.

Brooks named Lady Wolverines' hoops coach

Clear Creek ISD high school graduate and former longtime assistant in the district Warren Brooks is the new varsity girls' basketball head coach at Clear Brook High School.

In the two years previous under Brandon Hudson, the Lady Wolverines were 4-20 at the varsity level in District 22-6A, and top player Veyda Lake is set to graduate.

Brooks is the chosen coach to lead them there.

Brooks, who previously spent time at Clear Creek (2019-2020) and Clear Falls (eight seasons), is a Clear Creek High School graduate who is now in charge of reviving a Lady Wolverines' program that is in the midst of a five-year playoff drought.

The Clear Brook varsity girls' basketball head job has also lacked staying power, with the previous three head coaches staying on two years or fewer. Clearly, the hope is that Brooks is the long term answer.

Clear Springs has ruled 22-6A for what now seems like forever. Clear Falls also is solid year-to-year, but there would seem to be an opening for the Lady Wolverines to return to better times.

JFD'S Serrano to St. Thomas

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Dobie all-district varsity girls' soccer standout Miranda Serrano is set to continue her education and playing career at the University of St. Thomas in Houston after inking a letter of intent with the Celts this spring.

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For Alcoholics Anonymous meetings in the area, visit <https://aahouston.org/meetings>.

THURSDAY, MAY 14
7 a.m.

AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit <https://aahouston.org/meetings/>.

7:30 a.m.

Rotary Club of Pearland - Virtual meeting Thursday, 7:30 a.m., online on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81372891968>. Meeting ID: 813 7289 1968. Details are on Pearland Chamber of Commerce website under the calendar tab.

11:30 a.m.

ABWA - Southeast Express Network - American Business Women's Association-South will have a virtual meeting Thursday, May 14, welcoming Joanne Ericksen, an experienced attorney, for a presentation on Employee Law. All attendees must preregister. RSVP at <https://www.facebook.com/events/849023302250286> and the Zoom address is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81372891968>. After registering, a confirmation email for joining the meeting will be sent. Visit www.seen-abwa.org.

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7 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Women's Group, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For additional information, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com.

FRIDAY, MAY 15
7 a.m.

AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit <https://aahouston.org/meetings/>.

7 p.m.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom - Due to the current health situation, all in-person synagogue events are canceled. The synagogue is closed until further notice. All services will be performed online. Join the Friday night service at 7 p.m. or the Saturday Shabbat at 9:30 a.m. service on a computer, tablet or smartphone by using the GoToMeeting app and accessing the link <https://www.gotomeet.me/cshonline> with the access code 471-821-285. For those who don't have a computer, services may be accessed by calling (+1)-571-317-3122. For members who wish to download a copy of the prayer book for the online service, visit <https://www.shaarhashalom.org/prayer-book-for-online-service.html>.

11 a.m.

Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) - For women affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

8 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous - CrossRoads UMC meets Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m. Visit <https://aahouston.org/meetings/> for details or call 281-484-9243.

SUNDAY, MAY 17
5:30 p.m.

Celebrate Recovery - A faith-based 12-Step Program. Currently the group is not meeting in-person, but will resume meetings when Life Church campus opens up. For more information, call 713-419-2635.

8 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit <https://aahouston.org/meetings/> for meetings.

MONDAY, MAY 18
10 a.m.

Al-Anon Deer Park - Mondays, 10 - 11 a.m. Although there

are no in-person meetings, visit <http://www.houstonalananon.org/meetings.html> for an electronic meeting or call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in.

11:30 a.m.

Overeaters Anonymous Deer Park - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for additional information, or drop in.

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Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Come, improve crossword playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for details.

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Toastmasters - The Young Professionals Southeast Toastmasters Club #05324194 has gone virtual! Meeting is Mondays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., at the website, <https://youngprofessionalsoastmasters.com/>. Young Professionals SE Toastmasters Club is committed to its member's safety during this National Emergency and will conduct virtual meetings every Monday (except holidays), effective 3/16/2020, to ensure its members continue their journey to becoming confident communicators and leaders. To be a guest at the virtual meeting, select the "contact us" button on our home page menu (www.youngprofessionalsoastmasters.com) to obtain access to our virtual meeting platform. For information, call Karen Nunn at 832-722-9061 or Carolyn Carmichael at 832-372-3565.

7 p.m.

Survivors of Suicide Support Group - gives coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adults who have lost a loved one to suicide. For additional information email LynneAnnH@yahoo.com or visit www.crisishotline.org or call 832-416-1177.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For additional information, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com.

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Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Saint Luke's 12 Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7:30 p.m. in the Education Bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., Pasadena. For details, call Jesse at 832-725-8479 or Rita at 281-309-2801.

TUESDAY, MAY 19
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Local schools pick top PISD teachers for 2019-2020 year



Atkinson Elementary's Teacher of the Year is Andrea Luna. Luna is a special services teacher focusing on students with dyslexia.



Burnett Elementary's Teacher of the Year is Kateri Angel. Angel teaches the PCCD program.



Burnett's Elementary's New Teacher of the Year is Katie Grimm, an ABE II teacher.



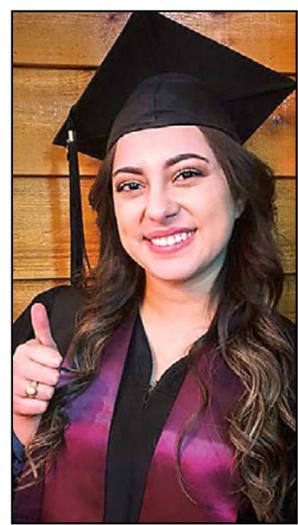
Bush Elementary's Teacher of the Year is Peggy Watts. Watts is a physical education teacher.



Bush Elementary's New Teacher of the Year is Bobbye Gree. Gree is a kindergarten teacher.



Frazier Elementary's Teacher of the Year is Adriana Cortez, a second-grade bilingual teacher.



Frazier Elementary's New Teacher of the Year is Michelle Huitron, a pre-K teacher.



Jessup Elementary's Teacher of the Year is Klelya Dimas. Dimas serves as a bilingual kindergarten teacher. She is described by her colleagues as an outstanding teacher and human being who is willing to go the extra mile for her students and their families.



Meador Elementary's Teacher of the Year is Connie Daumas. Daumas serves as a math peer facilitator.



Moore Elementary's Teacher of the Year is Paty Valdez, a SUC-CESS teacher. Those that know Valdez describe her as a dedicated and patient educator, who makes sure that her students are included in the school community.



South Belt Elementary's Teacher of the Year is Lesly Cooper, a kindergarten teacher.



South Belt's New Teacher of the Year is Madelyn Maxwell. Maxwell teaches second grade and is dependable in providing support for new and veteran teachers.



Dr. Kirk Lewis Career & Technical High School's New Teacher of the Year is Travis Johnson, a business instructor. Johnson, a former business leader, creates meaningful lesson plans for his students and is an innovator in his field.



South Houston Elementary's Teacher of the Year is Diana Lee, an accelerated learning teacher.



South Houston's New Teacher of the Year is Tatiana Soliz, a kindergarten teacher.



Stuchbery Elementary's Teacher of the Year is Tiffany Steele, a first-grade teacher.



Melillo Middle School's Teacher of the Year is Gabrielle Creagh, a sixth-grade social studies teacher. Her colleagues describe her as a positive force in the classroom, who not only works to meet the academic needs of her students, but also their social-emotional needs.



Morris Middle School's Teacher of the Year is Aimee Reeves who is a math teacher, specializing in intervention.



Morris Middle School's New Teacher of the Year is Martha Japalucci, a fifth-grade teacher.



South Houston High School's New Teacher of the Year is Ann Roach, a special education teacher. Roach is described by her colleagues as an enthusiastic leader with a caring disposition. She works with students in the OMEGA program helping them learn important life and social skills.



Lomax Middle School's Teacher of the Year is Edith Gonzalez, a fifth-grade science teacher. Gonzalez has a passion for teaching and a mastery of her discipline.



Lomax's New Teacher of the Year is Mary Purvis, a sixth-grade English and language arts teacher. Purvis is described as an efficient professional, who provides a warm and welcoming classroom for her students.



Roberts Middle School's Teacher of the Year is Ashlie Haas, a sixth-grade math teacher in the Connect program. Haas is described as having a love for teaching by her colleagues and is committed to the success of Roberts Middle School.



Fifth-grade science teacher Allie Johnson is Roberts Middle School's New Teacher of the Year. Johnson is described as a calming presence in the classroom, who is focused on putting the needs of her students first.



Beverly Hills Intermediate's Teacher of the Year is Melissa Bolgiano, an eighth-grade ELAR (English Language Arts and Reading) teacher. Bolgiano is a tireless advocate for her students and their success is her first priority.



Thompson Intermediate's Teacher of the Year is Susie Haas, a science teacher. Haas has served at Thompson Intermediate for 33 years and is the head of the science department. Her colleagues describe her as a leader and a problem solver and as someone who focuses on making learning fun.



South Houston High School's Teacher of the Year is Michael Oseguera, a math and computer science teacher. Oseguera works diligently to help his struggling students overcome any fear of mathematics, while keeping them interested in their lessons. He is a mentor to his students and is always willing to go above and beyond for them.



Thompson's New Teacher of the Year is Jose Lozano, an English and language arts teacher. Lozano is described as someone who creates engaging lessons to keep even the most reluctant learners interested and builds relationships of mutual respect with his students.



South Houston Intermediate's Teacher of the Year is Gia Spriggs, a seventh-grade science teacher in the Connect program.



Dobie9's Teacher of the Year is Amanda Noyes, an ESL teacher. Noyes is known as a team player, who creates innovative lesson plans using new technology.



Dobie High School's Teacher of the Year is Linu John, a CTE instructor. After serving as an oncology nurse, John became a CTE instructor at Dobie, helping to create curriculum. She always has a positive attitude and is willing to help others.



Pasadena Memorial High School's Teacher of the Year is Cesar Cano, a CTE instructor who is described by his colleagues as a master in his field.



Memorial High School's New Teacher of the Year is Haylee Williams, a math teacher. Williams focuses on creating fun lessons to keep her students engaged.



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Distance learning through eyes of an educator

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 However, students are resilient. Edmundo Bravo is a third-grader at Atkinson Elementary. When asked about his thoughts on distance learning, Edmundo responded, "It's fun. I like it. I like that I don't have a schedule. I do miss going to the school because I like learning and getting knowledge with my friends and just having fun."
 Rebecca Deleon, also a third-grader at Atkinson Elementary, expressed a similar sentiment. She said, "I like distance learning because I have more time to eat breakfast. But, I do miss my teachers and working on the computers at school."
 As usual, students make the most out of whatever situation they find themselves in. The parents of our stu-

dents have probably been affected the most. They suddenly had to take on the responsibility of guiding their students through virtual learning when, in some cases, they have little knowledge of virtual platforms and less regarding the teaching of the curriculum. Not only are parents dealing with the stressors of working and then coming home and trying to coordinate school work, they are also dealing with "stay at home" orders and financial burdens.
 When asked about her feelings about virtual school, Zaira Bravo, the parent of both a second- and third-grader at Atkinson Elementary, had this to say, "I like it because it is more convenient because there is no schedule. However, I don't like it be-

cause the teachers are more trained, and I believe my students aren't getting the same education they would get at school. The teachers also have more patience than I do. Working 40 hours a week and then having to deal with school and a family is hard."
 Though our parents love their students I am willing to bet when we go back to school there will be a long line to drop students off early the first day back.
 I spend most of my days during this time talking to teachers. One thing I have learned is that teachers love going to the school building and doing what they are trained to do... teach. They want to use their expertise. They want to hear the pitter pat of feet in the classroom. They like the banter between

students and miss the noise of a classroom. Like a person that had lost vision temporarily and then stood and looked at a beautiful view upon the return of their sight, our teachers will soak up the noises, smells and silliness that sometimes comes with students when they enter our building again. Like the students and parents, our teachers are stressed beyond explanation. As an academic coach, it often falls on me when teachers need to vent or need guidance. I have listened to teachers cuss, cry and comment. Yet, they keep their head down and put in the hours to educate our students.
 Patricia Perez is a fourth-grade teacher at Frazier Elementary. I asked her to summarize what it has been

like to conduct virtual learning. She said, "Distance learning has been a learning curve for students and teachers. We have both been stressed and just trying to get through."
 When all is said and done, we need to understand that this has been a situation like none other in the history of modern-day education. Though our nation is stressed as a whole, you can be proud of the students, parents and educators in the Pasadena Independent School District. We should all appreciate each other more when we get back to school from this extended Spring Break. I, for one, cannot wait to walk back into my school building in August to hear little voices and to watch parents happily drive away to let us do our work.

Mora celebrates 2nd birthday the COVID way



Ellianah Mora of Riverstone Ranch celebrated her second birthday with a car parade. Her family who joined in the celebration are shown, left to right, Michelle Perea, grandmother; Richard Perea, grandfather; Frank Mora, grandfather; Stachea Mora, mother; Ellianah Mora; and Paul Rincon, great-great-uncle. Photo by Larie Flickinger

City of Houston develops COVID homeless plan

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Prevention
 A total of 10 outreach teams distribute vital information and supplies to the unsheltered population while screening those on the streets for symptoms. Along with the county and the Houston Downtown Management District, the city has placed more than 20 hand-washing stations in the areas with the highest concentrations of homeless individuals.
 The city has distributed the following to homeless agencies and homeless individuals:
 - More than 8,800 face masks.
 - 6,500 bottles of hand san-

itizer.
 - 15,000 antiseptic wipes.
 The Fonde Recreation Center has been repurposed into an ancillary shelter, enabling the largest shelters to decompress and fully implement social distancing. The Salvation Army created intake and screening processes, assembled supplies and food services, and devised the operational and logistical plans to make this facility a reality. "We are grateful to be trusted with the task of providing a home for those experiencing homelessness during the COVID-19 crisis, and we stand ready to support our government partners and city

officials however we possibly can," said Maj. Zach Bell, area commander of The Salvation Army of Greater Houston. "While we will continue to operate the temporary emergency shelter as long as needed, our ultimate goal is to provide a permanent housing option to every resident we serve at the facility."
Emergency Response
 The city and county have launched the Homeless Testing Program to ensure that all homeless individuals have access to testing.
 Homeless agencies, shelters, outreach teams and even homeless individuals them-

selves can call the Homeless Testing hotline at 713-286-6047 where they are quickly assessed and provided with transportation to the Homeless Testing site by specialized Yellow Cabs through a partnership with METRO and operated by Healthcare for the Homeless-Houston.
Recovery
 Until test results come back, or in the case a homeless individual is positive, they need a place to stay and medically recover. The joint city and county quarantine and isolation facility provides shelter, food and medical care to enable individuals without

a home to self-quarantine and isolate as needed. Individuals are referred through the Homeless Testing Program or directly from hospitals.
 "The three-prong action plan is operating now," said Turner. "This is just the beginning to make sure our homeless and other underserved communities are not forgotten and remain a top priority for my administration."
 Marc Eichenbaum, special assistant to the mayor for homeless initiatives, is thankful for the help of partners in the program.
 "To help bring these efforts to fruition, we have depended on the Coalition for the Homeless, which has helped us plan, mobilize and coordinate the 100 local agencies that make up our region's homeless response system during this time of need," said Eichenbaum.
 Michael C. Nichols, president and CEO of Coalition for the Homeless said he was grateful for the city's cooperation. "As lead agency to The Way Home, the Coalition has been proud to support them," said Nichols. "We are distributing thousands of pieces of equipment and supplies, sharing guidance on how to remain open while limiting the spread of the disease and helping to stand up access to testing and care for those in our region experiencing homelessness."

Deotis Gay ending 45-year journey

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 Precinct 1 Commissioner Rodney Ellis said. "His compassion and love for his work make him a tremendous asset for our team, including during times of emergencies such as floods and hurricanes. Personally, I'll miss his friendship and the fun bike rides we enjoyed together."
 Judy Springer, director of Finance, Budget and Technology, said Gay "knows the precinct like the back of his hand."
 "His team thinks the world of him and will miss him dearly," said Springer, who once supervised Gay. "He has been great to learn from, work with, lunch with and ride the precinct with. He will be missed."
 Over the years, Gay said, he has become familiar with most of the roads and the history of the problem areas.
 "So if there was a problem, I could recall what we did to solve that problem," Gay said.
 In addition to road and bridge matters, Gay also

serves a pivotal role on the precinct's Incident Command Team that takes action to keep constituents as well as employees safe before and after disasters.
 During Hurricane Harvey, Gay led precinct workers that responded around the clock to emergency needs such as high-water rescues and supply deliveries. And they were there for similar roles during recent floods, Hurricane Ike and Tropical Storm Allison.
 "It was on-hand work," Gay said of the precinct's duties during Harvey. "We rescued people flooded in subdivisions. We were right in the middle of that, potentially saving lives."
 In addition, he said, the emergency planning starts before storms arrive. He makes sure his crews fuel heavy vehicles, remove loose debris in ditches and open all drains. Before heavy freezes, crews spread sand on bridges and overpasses to make all roads passable.
 "They only want to speak

to me," Gay said. "One of them is at Fallbrook Church. The (executive) pastor (Olus R. Holder Jr.), whenever he calls, he only wants to speak with me."
 "The same happens with several other constituents. They know that I have the knowledge and pretty much know the problems in most cases."
 Now, after more than four decades, it's time for someone else to be the point person to help constituents and maintain area roads and bridges. For Gay, his time now will be spent mostly with his wife, Carla, and their two children, Eric and Dominique. He will also travel and - of course - ride his bike in La Porte, Galveston and along other trails.
 "It's time now (to retire)," Gay said. "Oh, yeah, I have no complaints. I've enjoyed it every step of the way. I like being outside. I'm pretty sure I'll miss it in the beginning. But I think it's time to retire and do something else."

Free meals for youth still available

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 Parents may drive by participating campuses to pick up a breakfast and lunch meal for each child who is present in the vehicle. No meals will be available for parents or students walking up to the campus. Meals will be delivered to each vehicle. Parents are advised not to park. Each student will get two meals.
 There is no cost for these meals, and the program is open to any child under the age of 18, whether they are Pasadena ISD students or not. Local participating campuses

include Dobie High School and Beverly Hills Intermediate.
 Meal distribution times are 9 - 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., while supplies last.
 For additional information or a complete list of locations, visit www1.pasadenaisd.org.
Clear Creek ISD
 Clear Creek ISD has a similar program in place, but it allows students to receive multiple days worth of meals at a time. Walk-ups are also permitted, and no adults need be present.
 Hours are between 11 a.m.

and 1 p.m. at select schools (none in the immediate South Belt area).
 For additional information and a list of participating campuses, visit https://ccisd.net/news/2019-20_district_news/drive_through_meals_for_students.

To learn more about the HSBLC program, visit www.houston.tx.gov/obo/free-le-gal-assistance.html.
CLASP held virtually
 The Clear Lake Association of Senior Programs is offering a virtual Zoom event Thursday, May 21, at 2 p.m.
 The speaker for the presentation, titled "The Curiosity Rover: A Day and Life on Mars" is Allan Treiman, senior staff scientist at the Lunar and Planetary Institute at NASA.
 The Curiosity Rover has been rolling across the hills inside Gale Crater on Mars for more than seven years. Since landing, it has tra-

versed about 20 kilometers and is now on its way up a mountain in the center of the Gale. Treiman will present background about Mars and the Mars Science Laboratory mission, discuss daily operations, and the team's successes toward Curiosity's main goal - the search for evidence of habitable environments on Mars.
 For more information, visit www.uhcl.edu/academics/extended/clasp or email Alexis Alexander at alexandra@uhcl.edu.

Small business free COVID-19 legal advice now available

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 To make sure these businesses have access to as many answers as we can give them,"
 HSBLC is an extension of Virtual Legal Lab, a program previously created by OBO

and V&E that allowed small business owners to visit OBO onsite to participate in one-on-one virtual consultations with a licensed attorney.
 With social distancing measures in place, HSBLC allows the no-contact continuation of these legal consultations. "What started as Virtual Legal Lab with two entities now includes a larger network of law firms who are committed to assisting the small business community in these challenging times," said Marsha Murray, Office of Business Opportunity director. "With small businesses facing existential threats during this pandemic, we encourage those who need this service to reach out."

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said that dates for these and other workshops will be announced on Career Services' Twitter and Instagram.
 Students are strongly advised to activate their Handshake/Job4Hawks account at www.uhcl.edu/career-services/jobs-hawks to find more information about these and all other events posted.

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Gileses welcome baby



Congratulations to Aaron and Ashley Giles on the birth of their second son Jace Walter born Nov. 26 at Texas Children's Hospital. Jace was welcomed by his brother Jaxson. His paternal grandparents Tracy and Jim Giles live in Kirkwood South. His maternal grandparents Carrie and Steve Hildreth live in Pearland. Great-grandparents are Bobby and Kenneth Griffin, formerly of Sagemeadow.

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Remember When

40 years ago (1980)
 Dr. C. Lee Meyer, superintendent of Pasadena Independent School District, vowed to fight federal intervention aimed at forcing the district to become a part of an integration plan for Houston ISD.
 Members of the Sagemont Civic Club spearheaded a drive to get more than 50 percent of Sagemont homeowners/residents to sign a petition calling for a new election of committee members for the Sagemont Maintenance Committee.
 At a flood meeting attended by more than 200 South Belt residents, Harris County Commissioner Tom Bass admitted that lack of funds and increased development were a few of the problems which make an easy solution to flooding impossible, although plans exist to improve area drainage to avoid future flooding.
35 years ago (1985)
 The Sagemont Maintenance Committee gave Harris County Precinct 1 Commissioner El Franco Lee a check for \$12,000 to help pay for a jogging trail and playground equipment for Sagemeadow Park.
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Even though real estate companies were still selling homes in Southbend, some mortgage companies offered little resistance to people who quit paying their loans in order to move away from Brio.
25 years ago (1995)
 Doibiema swept the South Belt after the J. Frank Dobie girls softball team won its second state title in three years.
 San Jacinto Kids College and local recreation centers announced separate YMCA summer programs for South Belters.
 San Jacinto College regents selected former Houston Community College chancellor J.B. Whitely as its interim chancellor.
 Stuchbery Elementary first-grade teacher Gayle Anderson retired after 33 years of teaching; 28 of those years were at Stuchbery.
20 years ago (2000)
 NASA's KC-135 micro-gravity research aircraft, affectionately known as the Vomit Comet, retired and was permanently placed at Ellington Field.
 James Clay Gillis, 46, former Dobie varsity football coach, died in a Hobby Airport crash.
 Jeanie Jones, third-grade teacher at Meador Elementary, colored her hair orange and green due to a promise to her students. If all of her students passed the TAAS she would color her hair - and they all passed.
15 years ago (2005)
 South Belters were disappointed to learn the 147th Air National Guard was on the Base Realignment and Closure list for possible closure or downsizing.
 Two Meador Elementary teachers, Linda Boyd and Jeanie Jones, retired. Together, they had taught more than 70 years at Meador.
 Weber Elementary second-graders had chicks hatch from eggs they incubated in their classrooms for 21 days.
10 years ago (2010)
 Charges were filed against a suspect arrested in a fatal traffic accident in the 300 block of Genoa Red Bluff. The suspect, Reyes Reyna, 55, was charged with intox-

ication manslaughter. Police said the victim, Joseph William Socie, 41, of Gulf Palms, was driving a Harley Davidson motorcycle west on Genoa Red Bluff and was crossing Allen Genoa, when Reyna, driving east on Genoa Red Bluff in a pickup, turned left and struck him.
 A second-grade Stuchbery student returned to school after being struck by a car while leaving the campus. The 7-year-old student was crossing the street with his parent after school at a non-designated crosswalk when he was hit by the automobile on Hughes Road in front of Sagemont Church. The child suffered minor injuries and was taken to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, where he was treated and released. The driver of the car was ticketed by police for failure to control speed.
 Police arrested two suspects in connection with a fatal drive-by shooting in the 11000 block of Sagemeadow. Former Dobie student Favian Ramirez, 20, was shot in the neck during the incident. He was taken to Ben Taub General Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. Following the shooting, police located the suspects' vehicle, and a chase ensued. The pursuit ended, however, when the suspects' car crashed into a fence on the Gulf Freeway feeder road near Nyack. Suspects

Raymond Preston Moreno, 18, and David Chavez, 21, were arrested and charged with murder.
5 years ago (2015)
 A South Belt resident was killed in a drive-by shooting at his house in the 12000 block of Ryewater near Astoria on May 15. Clay Wilson, 35, was standing in his driveway when two vehicles pulled up in front of the house, and people inside the cars opened fire. Wilson was struck several times in the head and chest. Wilson was transported to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, where he later died. No immediate arrests were made.
 Sagemeadow resident Charles Jordan was recognized by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission for his heroism. Jordan was honored for his selfless actions that likely saved the life of dog-attack victim Monica Garza in March 2014.
1 year ago (2019)
 Extreme storms pounded the South Belt community Thursday, May 9, causing widespread flooding and power outages. According to Harris County officials, the rain gauge at the Beamer ditch Hughes Road recorded 4.72 inches of rainfall over a 24-hour period. The precipitation came just two days after another storm dumped 3.4 inches of rain at the same gauge Tuesday, May 7.

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Atkinson Elementary
 Rommel Garcia celebrates a birthday May 14.
Burnett Elementary
 The day for a birthday gift for Sheri Rodgers is May 16.
Bush Elementary
 Send a birthday card May 17 to Sandra Garza.
Frazier Elementary
 Break out the cake and ice cream May 18 for Susan Blue. Irma Garza celebrates a special birthday May 19.
Genoa Elementary
 Join in the double-fun celebration May 14 with Lauren Davis and Tiffany Bennett, Genoa principal. Sing a chorus of a happy birthday song May 15 to Meshia Horn. Best wishes for a great birthday May 16 are sent to Katie Dunagan.
Meador Elementary
 Marking a birthday May 20 is Gloria Serrato.
South Belt Elementary
 Blow out the birthday candles for Madelyn Maxwell May 18.
Stuchbery Elementary
 Send a special birthday greeting May 14 to Krystal Lam. Break out the balloons and party favors for a happy birthday May 15 for Rosanna Ibarra.
Melillo Middle School
 May 14 is the day for a celebration for Tara Clark.
Roberts Middle School
 Light the candles on a double-layer cake May 20 for Denise Gourley and Charly Silver.
Beverly Hills Intermediate
 Sing a chorus of a birthday song May 15

to Jamika Lasker. Celebrating a birthday May 16 is Anne Berry. Send a happy birthday greeting May 18 to Heather Anders. The day for a party for Daniel Jacobs is May 19.
Dobie High
 A celebration is in order May 15 for Cathy Barnett and Melissa Rios-Gutierrez. On May 16, blow out the candles on a double-layer cake for Leisha Lewis and Maria Romero. Happy birthday greetings are sent to Tyler Ruberg May 18.
FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
 The Leader sends birthday wishes to friends. For those wanting a birthday mentioned in this section, email mynews@southbeltleader.com with "OTBF: Friends Celebrate Birthdays" in the subject line by Friday noon for the next week's publication.
 Thursday, May 14: Chris Escalera, and Bianca Perez; Friday, May 15: Melissa Rios-Gutierrez and Roland Lejeune; Saturday, May 16: Anthony Swilley, Alan Adams, Keith Walker, Kenny Napper and Allyson McMillen; Sunday, May 17: Becky Henry, Roland Kennedy, Gina Houghton and Jessica Nixon; Monday, May 18: Melody Tanner, Brian Conn, Sheila Neal, Jessica Ramirez De La Cruz, Alondra Cristina and Rachel Mooney; Tuesday, May 19: Melanie Martin, Tanya Williams, Jonathan Pearson, Robby Asbury, Leah Poirrer, and Laura Scott; and Wednesday, May 20: Norma Pruneda, Joey Martinez, Mike Freeman, Juan Cruz, Tami Richardson, Kathy Swift and Al Carter.
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Commissioners Court ponders selling toll roads

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take a look at it and go from there. But at the end of the day, that doesn't happen, nobody stands to make money. It's not secret. The staff has to have the capacity to work, and at the end of the day, it comes to Commissioners Court."

Garcia further compared the selective discussions to that of other commissioners prior to the construction of the new Beltway 8 toll bridge.

"It can't be any more secret than when people came together to rebuild the toll bridge over the ship channel," Garcia said. "A lot of people made a lot of money over that. I imagine there were tons of meetings years ago, as to who was going to get what contract, how it was going to work out, who was going to do what part. So, it can't be any more secret than that. But ultimately, that particular project came to Commissioners Court, and it was voted on. So, unless you have hard evidence Commissioner Radack, I take offense that you would openly try to insinuate that staff is working in secret and that you don't know anything about it. I think that's just poor judgment."

Republican Commissioner Jack Cagle, who represents Precinct 4, pressed Key, as to why he wasn't also briefed on the matter.

"Key, when do I get my two-minute briefing?" Cagle sternly asked. "I have a concern, when at least one other member of the court gets his two-minute briefing and I don't."

Precinct 1 Rodney Ellis, who represents most of the South Belt community, sided with fellow Democrat Garcia, suggesting the discussions were informal and that he had asked Key when he first began his new role to discuss any possible revenue-raising ideas with him.

"Once Peter did get there, I told him, 'If there are any ideas that come up about how we can generate more money from the toll road, let me know about them.' And I don't consider that a secret meeting, just as Commissioner Cagle, Commissioner Radack, or you judge (Lina Hidalgo) or Commissioner Garcia, might hear about it. You clearly can't talk to three members of the court about it, nor would I."

But if it's a good financing for the county — we are going to have challenges financially. I've talked to my friends at city hall, and they're talking about layoffs and hiring freezes and a host of issues. And I suspect in the not-too-distance future when the property values come in, when the appraisals come in for next year, we're going to have to look at some serious — maybe draconian — measures as well. But as Commissioner Garcia said, I'm sure however the idea came up for building what has become about a billion-dollar toll bridge, everybody on Commissioners Court didn't necessarily hear about it at the same time. That's just the nature of the beast."

Ellis said, however, he does support the measure if it seems beneficial to the county, and he hopes his Republican counterparts on the court will join him.

"If somewhere down the road, there's good financing for it, I think we ought to look at it, and if there's support on Commissioners Court, I hope we'll do it," Ellis said. "If so, I think it should be a bipartisan issue, but if not, we'll cross that bridge when we come to it."

Texas on road to open

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The governor was joined for the press conference by John Hellerstedt, MD, Texas Department of State Health Services commissioner; Nim Kidd, Texas Division of Emergency Management chief; Phil Wilson, Texas Health and Human Services acting executive commissioner; Mike Morath, TEA commissioner; and Maj. Gen. Tracy Norris, Adjutant General of Texas.

Per the governor's announcement, wedding venues and services required to conduct weddings may immediately open. Weddings held indoors other than at a church, congregation, or house of worship must limit occupancy to 25 percent.

Wedding reception services may also resume, but facilities must limit their occupancy to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy. These occupancy limits do not apply to the outdoor areas of a wedding reception or to outdoor wedding receptions.

As of Friday, May 8, cosmetology salons, hair salons, barber shops, nail salons and shops, and other establishments where licensed cosmetologists or barbers practice their trade, have permission to open, but all such salons, shops, and establishments must ensure at least six feet of social distancing between operating work stations. Tanning salons may also reopen under the same limitation. Swimming pools may open subject to certain limitations, including on their occupancy or operating levels.

Beginning Monday, May 18, office buildings may open with the greater of five or less individuals or 25 percent of the total office workforce. These individuals must maintain appropriate social distancing.

Gyms, exercise facilities, and exercise classes may also open starting May 18, but must operate at 25 percent occupancy. Locker rooms and shower facilities will remain closed, but restrooms may open. Non-essential manufacturing services may also open on May 18 but facilities must limit their occupancy to 25 percent.

These newly opened services are subject to recommended minimum standard health protocols outlined by DSHS. These protocols will be available on the Open Texas webpage which is found at https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/press/EO-GA-21_expanding_Open_Texas_COVID-19.pdf.

Waugh celebrates birthday



Stacy Waugh celebrated her 48th birthday this year at Gringo's with friends followed by cake and ice cream at Linda Botkin's home. Shown are Linda Botkin, Waugh, Sandy Robb and Adela Gonzalez during this historic coronavirus year. This was their first outing since the coronavirus pandemic and it will be remembered for years to come. As a special surprise, Botkin's son, Lance and his four children came by to wish Waugh a happy birthday. Stacy is a strong supporter of the Leader's annual Christmas community program.

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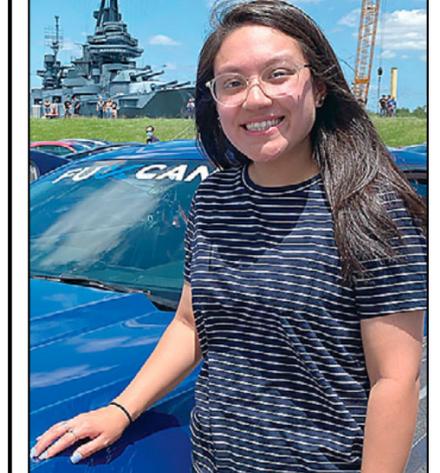
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Cubos turns 21



Brittney Cubos celebrated her 21st birthday May 7. Her parents Erik and Claudia Cubos held a car parade for her in which her family and friends joined as well. Cubos is a 2017 graduate of Career Technical High School, attended San Jacinto College South and is now pursuing a Bachelor of Science at the University of Houston Clear Lake. She enjoyed her favorite red velvet cake and an Italian-themed dinner.

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